

St. Thomas More Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
Weekdays:
Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am
Saturday: 9:00 am
Holyday Vigil: 7:30 pm
Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm
or any time by appointment

Reverend Phillip M. Johnson, Priest-in-charge
Reverend Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Deacon John Harrington
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Spence	428-8325
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Youth Ministry	Stan Thompson	424-1120

Worship

Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Ch. Art Environment	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Lectors	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Linen Committee	Dom Sacca	
Sacristans	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Ushers	Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
Music Ministry	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Len Kolojejchick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
Social Development	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Bridge Groups	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
Career Ministry	June Garafano	229-7461
	Bob Lento	344-7454
Funsters (over 50 club)	Committee	424-3212
Parish Festival	Eileen Withers	751-6838
Women's Club		

Administration

House of Charity	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Parish Finance Council	Robert Crawford	424-3212
Parish Pastoral Council	Marie Enny	751-8893

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (*Purpose*)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (*Goals*)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Irene Rellosa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass
Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.
Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

PRAYER SERVICE FOR NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS:

All parishioners are invited to gather in the St. Thomas More Chapel on Monday, November 5 to offer prayers for our country on the eve of Election Day. The service will begin at 7:30 PM. We pray for all those running for National and Local Office and for God's guidance in choosing our elected officials. For

**Saint Thomas More Parish
2012 Fundraiser**



Everyone is invited to participate.
Seize the Opportunity!
Stop by the ticket sale table after Mass!

You Could Be the Lucky Winner while helping our Parish meet our necessary and essential financial obligations.

- 1st Prize \$10,000.00
- 2nd Prize \$ 3,000.00
- 3rd Prize \$ 2,000.00

(If all tickets are sold)

Ticket Price: \$100.00

Drawing: December 7th

Refreshments will be served.

AJ Ariani 983-5761, Tom Pajic 795-7520 Chairpersons

Alive for Life and Ministry – Retreat Experience for All Parish Leaders and Ministers. Presenter: Sr. Dolores Clerico, SSJ. Mark your calendar! Sat., Nov. 17, 9 AM-12 Noon in the St. Thomas More Chapel. Call parish office, 424-3212, by Nov. 15 to register.



FROZEN TURKEYS - The St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society will distribute turkeys to less fortunate families before Thanksgiving. Please drop off at church by Nov. 15 so that the turkeys can be delivered and have adequate time to defrost before Thanksgiving. Gary Gadren, Coordinator

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

October 28, 2012

\$8,179.50 - 212 Envelopes

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.

Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square: Seven Key Themes

From the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

A consistent ethic of life should guide all Catholic engagement in political life. This Catholic ethic neither treats all issues as morally equivalent nor reduces Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God. Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following themes of Catholic social teaching provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.²

The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. Direct attacks on innocent human beings are never morally acceptable. Within our society, life is under direct attack from abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, and destruction of human embryos for research. These intrinsic evils must always be opposed. This teaching also compels us as Catholics to oppose genocide, torture, unjust war, and the use of the death penalty, as well as to pursue peace and help overcome poverty, racism, and other conditions that demean human life.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

Rights and Responsibilities

Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible. Each of us has a right to religious freedom, which enables us to live and act in accord with our God-given dignity, as well as a right to access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

While the common good embraces all, those who are in greatest need deserve preferential concern. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor and marginalized.

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, opportunities for legal status for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity.

Solidarity

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

Caring for God's Creation

Care for the earth is a duty of our Catholic faith. We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, as bishops we vigorously repeat our call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the defense of life, the needs of the weak, and the pursuit of the common good. This kind of political participation reflects the social teaching of our Church and the best traditions of our nation.

Learn more at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

Advent Small Christian Communities



The Small Christian Community is all about helping each other go deeper into the mystery of the human person and the mystery of God.

Facilitators and Meeting Times

**Norma Matos – Monday Afternoon
1 PM – St. Mary’s Village**

**Lois Udicious/Gail Bizzoso
Monday Afternoon – 1 PM**

**Sister Ann
Monday Evening – 7 PM**

**Bob & Ann Marie Lento
Monday Evening – 7:30 PM**

**Pat Lachnicht/Pat Beaney
Tuesday Morning – 9:30 AM**

**Claire Spence/Shirley Kane
Wednesday Morning – 9:30 AM**

**Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa
Wednesday Evening – 7 PM**

**Mena Kramer
Wednesday Evening – 7 PM**

**Marianne Gorin/Marian Kapischke
Thursday Morning – 10 AM**

**Deacon John Harrington
Thursday Evening – 7 PM**

**Kathy Glover
Thursday Evening – 7 PM**

**Gaye Pino
Thursday Evening – 6:30 PM**

**Jean Ho/Diane Pien
Saturday Evening – 6 PM**

Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 ext. 104 for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 3

9:00 am Nelson Morales r/b Gracie Morales
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Mary Theresa McHugh r/b daughter,
Mary Ellen Carrozza

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 4

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Joan, Bob & Jackie
10:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Chip & Linda
Dombrowski
Michael Hueflinger r/b Carol Koelsch
Earl Cargen r/b Dwier Family
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 5

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am Marciano Dizon, Jr. r/b Ibay Family

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 6

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Marciano Dizon, Jr. r/b Ibay Family

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 7

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Special Intention of Monsignor Morgan
r/b SCC Wednesday Group

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 8

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Sr. Peter Marie r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
Tom Maguire r/b wife, Joan
Ron Baglio r/b Phyllis Alexander
Joan Radula r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 9

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Ibay & Dizon
Families r/b Ibay Family

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 10

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Nellie Graham r/b Don & Dolores Kreal

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 11

8:30 am Robert Middleton r/b St. Thomas More
Women's Bridge Group
10:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse
Gregg Siano r/b Gary Gadren
Joan Radula r/b Dave & Lin Lyon
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE SICK...**

Don Kreal
Maria Storms
Owen Smith
Mary Flacco
Ron Massey
Olga Mignone
Frank Colbert
Mary Cowan
Shirley Birch
Jean Colbert
Dorothy Brink
Pat Barton
Leila Lore
Chase Lupica
Pat Beaney
YunYun Shen
Virginia Foley
Fran Swider
Rose Hession
Viola Angelozzi
Sara Centonze
Bob & Claire Boylan
Andrea Buonincontro
Naomi Willingmyre
George Sweeten
Frank Cappelletta
Michael Kapischke
Betty O'Donnell
Marie Mazzagatti
Stanley Kochanek
Pauline Rosberg
Joseph Console
Geraldyn Coticone
Jerry McMenamin
Chuck Kapischke
Pasquale DiFronzo
Dorothy Wolenter
Al Mac Elrath
Teddy Shaffer
Virginia Gormley
Angelo DiGiacomo
Wayne Mauri, Sr.



Danny Perla
Joanne James
Alfred DiFrank
Gloria Daniels
Denise Daniels
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Sharon Bushelli
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Mary Branciforte
Bill Botensten
Ed Rivero

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Liturgy of the Word for Children - This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages 3 through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.

The second class for Confirmation I candidates will be held this Sunday, November 4, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend the 10 a.m. Mass prior to class.

There will be NO Parish Religious Education classes this Tuesday, November 6 due to the closing of the public schools for Election Day.

Pat Maggart, PCL, 424-3212 - ext. 106

Be Patient with Our Ushers - The Ushers have been asked to refrain from seating latecomers during the Reading of the Scriptures. Please be patient with them, this helps us avoid distracting others.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 11, 2012 – Mark 12:41-44

Jesus observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.

Commentary:

Surprisingly, the "large sums" given by the "rich people" pale in comparison to the widow's far greater gift of "two small coins." She gives her all, "her whole livelihood." It is not the size of the gift which measures its value but the depth of the self-gift from which it comes. This is the kind of giving of which Jesus takes note.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Reflection resonates with me?



Are you a trumpet player? Want to make this Christmas truly life-giving for your parish and yourself? Trumpet players are needed for the various Christmas Vigil and Day liturgies. Minimal rehearsal time - all Christmas Masses are available. Contact Roger Pisani at 424-3212 ext. 108 or email ilftrek@aol.com.

MARKET DAY FROZEN FOOD SALE

Wed., November 7 — Pick up your pie order in the St. Thomas More Hall between 3 & 4 p.m. THANK YOU!

Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924

Mass of Remembrance for our Deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons

Tuesday, November 6, 12:05 PM at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden - Followed by lunch in Cathedral Hall. We need a count for Mass & Lunch. RSVP by calling Susan Patullo at 856-583-2855.

Privacy & Safety Around the Rectory: A Note From our Parish Trustees

You may have noticed the new "private driveway" signs posted at the entrance to the rectory driveway. This is one of several privacy and safety measures we have taken now that the Rectory serves as a family home, complete with visiting grandchildren, frequent guests, and one very active dog. In fact, most parishioners avoid using this entrance that runs so close by the rectory, understanding that it was never meant to be a public entrance, and certainly not a shortcut connecting road to the adjacent diocesan properties. However, as it has been left unmarked for years, it is only natural that others have felt free to use it as an alternative route. Please observe the signs and remind others to use the main entrance to our church property. By the way, Fr. Johnson and Janet insist that the driveway remain open to the small band of regular walkers they wave to most mornings and evenings.

Gary Gadren and Pat Lachnicht

Covered Dish Dinner



All participants in our **Small Christian Communities** are invited to our Annual Covered Dish Dinner on **Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Thomas More Hall. All SCC Facilitators are asked to contact their members and let them know what dish to bring to our gathering. Look forward to seeing all of you there and sharing this time together!!! Call Sister Ann, 424-3212 ext. 104, for more information.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012

Please Join Us in Celebrating the Year of Faith:

Renewing our Relationship with Jesus and His Church — Presenter:

Rev. Joseph Capella, Thurs., Nov. 8 with The Franciscan Sisters, 1218 Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Free-will offering by participants. Call Sr. Angela Pia, 428-8834.